

What's in the news about Ben and the 3rd Congressional District this morning.

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[Congress should boost LANL's energy role](#) (SF New Mexican, Editorial)

Northern New Mexico's Rep. Ben Ray Luján has been quick to recognize that a key to an alternative-energy society is storing what's generated when the wind blows and the sun shines — for use in calm, dark stretches. He was prompted, no doubt, by some of the scientific minds from Los Alamos National Laboratory. The lab lies in his district, so he's important to supporting the renewable-energy efforts being made on "the Hill."

[Energy bill is declaration of independence](#) (SF New Mexican, Op-ed)

Last week, Rep. Ben Ray Luján and the rest of the New Mexico congressional delegation voted in favor of the American Clean Energy and Security Act. It seems fitting that this historic bill passed through the House of Representatives around the Fourth of July.

[Energy and water bill passes with amendment by US Rep. Martin Heinrich](#) (NMI)

Meanwhile, Congressman Ben Ray Luján, a Santa Fe Democrat whose district includes Los Alamos National Labs, praised the passage of the overall bill in a ...

